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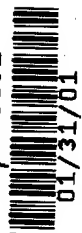
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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: PROTEIN/SOLUBILITY FOLDING ASSESSED BY  
STRUCTURAL COMPLEMENTATION – Philip Jordan Thomas, John F. Hunt,  
William Christian Wigley and Rhesa D. Stidham*

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 103-page patent specification including 40 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-2 on 2 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Philip Jordan Thomas, John F. Hunt, William Christian Wigley, Rhesa D. Stidham for the captioned invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), a separate paper copy of the sequence listing and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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